

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 23, 2005. Claims 1-9, 14, 15, 17-19, 26-34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45-47, and 50-59 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 9, 26, and 34 are in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 9, 26, 27, and 34 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The specification was objected to, with the Office Action stating that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicants have rewritten the title to read:
--METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING A PRINTER PILOT
CONFIGURATION FOR A PRINTING PROCESSING--. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 14, 15, 17-19, 26-34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45-47, and 50-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Regarding Claims 1, 9, 26, and 34, the Examiner states that the recitation of “the printer pilot configuration defining printing process parameters of the printer designated to implement the document printing process” is subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicants have amended

Claims 1, 9, 26, and 34 to recite that the printer pilot configuration defines printing process parameters of the printer and is adapted for processing the complete document in the file. Support for “the printer pilot configuration defining printing process parameters of the printer” can be found in the specification at, for example, page 4, lines 5-7.^{1/} This portion of the specification states: “It should be noted here that the printer configuration concerns all the operating parameters, for both the choice of a paper tray and the functioning of the print head.” Therefore, in this embodiment, the printer configuration concerns all the operating parameters, wherein operating parameters of a printer are printer parameters used for printing process.

Regarding Claims 5 and 30, the Examiner states that the recitation of “associated with each item of added information received in response to the transmitted questions from the user, an item of information identifying the user who suppl[ied] each item of the added information” is subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Support for this feature can be found in the specification at, for example, page 14, lines 12-15, and page 17, lines 30-32. Indeed, at page 14, lines 12-15, the specification explicitly states: “The list of characteristics 309 includes the knowledge resulting from the analysis operation 106 and the knowledge resulting form the dialogue

^{1/}It is of course to be understood that the references to various portions of the present application are by way of illustration and example only, and that the claims are not limited by the details shown in the portions referred to.

105 with the user 103, this knowledge being associated with an item of information identifying the user.”

Regarding Claim 9, the Examiner states that the recitation “estimation means for estimating value amounts of the presence of text, image and graphic zones in the document” is subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Also, regarding Claim 34, the Examiner states that the recitation “an estimation step of estimating value amounts of the presence of text, image and graphic zones in the document” is subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Support for the above-recited features of Claims 9 and 34 can be found in the specification at, for example, pages 27-32. In the specification, it is explained that in this embodiment the content of the document, that is to say the proportion of text, image or graphics, is evaluated according to parameters such as the number of bytes in the file compared to the number of pages (e.g., page 28, lines 1-8), the degree of compression (e.g., page 28, line 26, to page 29, line 2), the time necessary for compression (e.g., page 29, lines 6-14, and the opening time (e.g., page 30, lines 9-17). According to this evaluation or estimation, the choice of a printer and of a pilot configuration for a printer is made as described in the specification at page 30, lines 27-30.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that Claims 1-9, 14, 15, 17-

19, 26-34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45-47, and 50-59 were described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that Claims 1 and 26 claim a printer designated to implement the document printing process, while Claims 2 and 27 (which depend from Claims 1 and 26, respectively) claim at least two printers carrying out the printing process of the document. Therefore, the Examiner states that Claims 1 and 26 appear to contradict Claims 2 and 27.

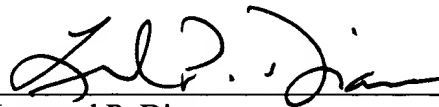
First, Claims 2 and 27 have been amended to recite that the document printing process is able to performed by at least two printers. Second, it is noted that Claims 1 and 26 call for a printer pilot configuration of *at least* one printer for a printing process, while Claims 2 and 27 call for the document printing process being performed by at least two printers, and therefore there is no contradiction. Withdrawal of the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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